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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c.118G and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, as amended, a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. at Two Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116 relative to the adoptions of amendments to:

114.6 CMR 13.00: Health Safety Net Eligible Services

The proposed amendments change the required co-payments for generic drugs. Effective February 1, 2009, the co-payment for generic drugs will increase from \$1 to \$2, except for antihyperglycemics, antihypertensives, and antihyperlipidemics. The co-payment for these generic drugs will remain at \$1. The current \$3 co-payment for brand name drugs will not change. The amendments also clarify provisions relating to claims for individuals with pending disability determinations, claims for medical hardship, and provisions relating to low-income patient collection actions, and make other technical corrections.

The Division is proposing these amendments to be consistent with the MassHealth payment system for prescription drugs, which also processes Health Safety Net prescription drug claims. Low Income Patients will incur greater co-payments for generic prescription drugs. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

All persons who desire to be heard on this regulation are hereby notified to appear at the designated time and place. Persons who notify the Division in advance of the hearing, by 5:00 Pompon Monday, February 2, 2009 of their intention to speak will be afforded an early opportunity to testify. All other interested parties will be heard subsequently. Copies of the proposed regulations are available for inspection and/or purchase at the Division, Two Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116 and on the Division's website at www.mass.gov/dhcfp. Written comments may be sent to this address.